



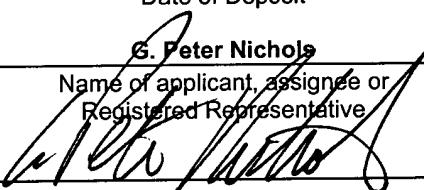
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Expedited Procedure
Examining Group 1771

Our Case No. 659/1483 (K-C 14747)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Tsai)
Application No. 09/474,634)
Filing Date: December 29, 1999)
For BIODEGRADABLE)
THERMOPLASTIC NONWOVEN)
WEBS FOR FLUID MANAGEMENT)
Examiner Pratt
Group Art Unit No. 1771

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450 – Mail Stop AF
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 9, 2003, for which Applicant respectfully requests a three-month extension of time, please reconsider the application in view of the following amendments and remarks: